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### **Re: Sidewalk Vending Community Meetings**

On December 2, 2014, members of the Economic Development Committee discussed the issue of sidewalk vending and instructed our Office to obtain additional public input to assist Councilmembers with the decision-making process associated with sidewalk vending. The Economic Development Committee requested additional community input. The Chair of the Committee, Councilmember Price, further instructed us to gather such input through a series of community meetings. Below, please find a response to each of your questions.


1. **What is the format of the community meetings?**
  - The CLA and other City departments will make a brief presentation on what has been presented to the Economic Development Committee.
2. **Will there be a formal public comment period?**
  - Yes.
3. **How will stakeholder input be recorded and transmitted to the Los Angeles City Council?**
  - Staff will be assigned to take notes of the verbal public input during the meetings. Written public comment will be submitted to the City Clerk and will be summarized in a CLA report to the Economic Development Committee.



4. **Are the meetings going to be noticed in advance of the minimum requirements of the Brown Act so that all stakeholders have the opportunity to participate?**
  - These meetings are not subject to the Brown Act rules. No action will be taken during these meetings. The dates, times and locations for the community meetings have been announced and stakeholders will have an opportunity to participate as follows:
    - Verbal and written public comment
    - Provide input during future Economic Development Committee Meetings
    - Provide input during future Los Angeles City Council Meetings
5. **In November 2014 there was an invitation only stakeholder meeting prior to the Economic Development Committee and we'd appreciate a copy of the sign-in sheet.**
  - All community meetings have been open to all members of the public. In November, prior to the Economic Development Committee meeting of December 2, 2014, two stakeholder meetings were held at the request of the Chair of the Committee. Names and e-mail addresses were provided by Council Offices. The meetings were held on November 14 and November 18, 2014. Those in attendance were given an opportunity to provide their contact information for future meetings.
6. **What are community stakeholders being asked to give input on?**
  - At the Economic Development Committee meeting of December 2, 2014, and subsequently by more specific instructions provided by Committee members, our Office was asked to gather community input with regard to:
    - Should sidewalk vending be implemented
    - If a sidewalk vending program is desired, how would it be designed (items sold, the manner in which such items would be sold, and days and times of operation for the sale of such items)
    - Type and level of enforcement
7. **At the last Economic Development Committee meeting in November 2014, several departments were instructed to report back regarding the proposed sidewalk vending program. Will those report backs be available to the public prior to the community meetings or at the community meetings?**
  - Street Services has provided preliminary data on enforcement models. This will be made available at the meeting. As other documents become available, they will be provided.
8. **How were the locations of the community meetings selected?**
  - The Economic Development Committee Chair and other members selected the locations of the upcoming community meetings.
9. **Why aren't the meetings being held Citywide?**
  - Data provided by the Los Angeles Police Department and the County Department of Public Health indicates that the locations of the proposed community meetings are within the vicinity of the areas with the highest concentration of sidewalk vending complaints.

Should you have any questions please contact our Office at 213-473-5709.

Sincerely,

  
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